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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A method comprising:

determining a server and a preferred delivery technique associated with a recipient in response to a message intended for the recipient selected via a page, wherein the determining further comprises finding a telephone area code, a telephone exchange, and a telephone number of the recipient in the page and determining the server that is identified by the telephone area code, wherein the server is physically located within a region served by the telephone area code; and

sending the message and an indication of the preferred delivery technique to the server, wherein the sending further comprises sending the message and the indication of the preferred delivery technique to a queue at the server, wherein the queue is associated with a printer, the telephone area code, and the telephone exchange, wherein the message further comprises a file, and wherein the sending further comprises appending the telephone number of the recipient to a name of the file that is sent to the queue, wherein the server

sends a fax of the message to the recipient if the preferred delivery technique comprises a fax transmission,

calls the recipient and plays the message if the preferred delivery technique comprises voice,

sends an email of the message to the recipient if the preferred delivery technique comprises an email transmission, and

prints and mails the message to the recipient if the preferred delivery technique comprises a physical delivery.

2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the file further comprises a spool file sending further comprises:

finding an area code of the recipient in the page; and

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~~sending the message and the indication to a queue at the server, wherein the queue is based on at least the area code.~~

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the preferred delivery technique is encoded in the page.

4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the message further comprises an order for services, preferred delivery technique comprises a fax transmission and the telephone number is a fax number.

5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the message further comprises an order for goods, preferred delivery technique comprises a physical delivery.

6. (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

means for determining a server and a preferred delivery technique associated with a recipient in response to a message intended for the recipient selected via a page, wherein the preferred delivery technique is encoded in the page, wherein the means for determining the server further comprises means for finding a telephone area code and a telephone exchange of the recipient in the page and means for determining the server that is identified by the telephone area code, wherein the server is physically located within a region served by the telephone area code; and

means for sending the message to the recipient via the preferred delivery technique and the server, wherein the means for sending further comprises means for sending the message and the indication of the preferred delivery technique to a queue at the server, wherein the queue is associated with a printer, the telephone area code, and the telephone exchange, wherein the message further comprises a file, and wherein the sending further comprises appending the telephone number of the recipient to a name of the file that is sent to the queue, wherein the server

sends a fax of the message to the recipient if the preferred delivery technique comprises a fax transmission,

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calls the recipient and plays the message if the preferred delivery technique comprises voice,

sends an email of the message to the recipient if the preferred delivery technique comprises an email transmission, and

prints and mails the message to the recipient if the preferred delivery technique comprises a physical delivery.

7. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the file further comprises a spool file.means for sending further comprises:

means for finding an area code of the recipient in the page; and

means for sending the message to a queue at the server, wherein the queue is based on at least the area code.

8. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the server is further physically located within the region served by the telephone area code and the telephone exchange.
preferred delivery technique comprises a fax transmission and the telephone number is a fax number.

9. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the message further comprises an order for goods.preferred delivery technique comprises a physical delivery.

10. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the message further comprises an order for goods or services.

11. (Currently amended) A signal bearingstorage medium encoded with instructions, wherein the instructions when executed comprise:

encoding an identification of a recipient, a telephone number for the recipient, and a preferred delivery technique for messages intended for the recipient into a page.page;

determining a server and the preferred delivery technique associated with the recipient in response to a message intended for the recipient selected via the page,

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wherein the determining further comprises finding a telephone area code, a telephone exchange, and the telephone number of the recipient in the page and determining the server that is identified by the telephone area code, wherein the server is physically located within a region served by the telephone area code; and

sending the message and an indication of the preferred delivery technique to the server, wherein the sending further comprises sending the message and the indication of the preferred delivery technique to a queue at the server, wherein the queue is associated with a printer, the telephone area code, and the telephone exchange, wherein the message further comprises a file, and wherein the sending further comprises appending the telephone number of the recipient to a name of the file that is sent to the queue, wherein the server

sends a fax of the message to the recipient if the preferred delivery technique comprises a fax transmission,

calls the recipient and plays the message if the preferred delivery technique comprises voice,

sends an email of the message to the recipient if the preferred delivery technique comprises an email transmission, and

prints and mails the message to the recipient if the preferred delivery technique comprises a physical delivery.

12. (Currently amended) The signal bearingstorage medium of claim 11, wherein the file further comprises a spool file, telephone number is associated with a server for delivering the messages.

13. (Currently amended) The signal bearingstorage medium of claim 11, wherein the message further comprises an order for goods, telephone number is a fax number of the recipient.

14. (Currently amended) The signal-bearingstorage medium of claim 11, wherein the message further comprises an order for services. preferred delivery technique comprises a fax transmission.

15. (Currently amended) The signal-bearingstorage medium of claim 12, wherein the server is further physically located within the region served by the telephone area code and the telephone exchange. an area code of the telephone number.

16. (Currently amended) An electronic device comprising:

a processor; and

a storage device encoded with instructions, wherein the instructions when executed on the processor comprise:

determining a server and a preferred delivery technique associated with a recipient in response to a message intended for the recipient selected via a page, wherein the preferred delivery technique and an identification of the server are encoded in the page, wherein the determining further comprises finding a telephone area code, a telephone exchange, and a telephone number of the recipient in the page and determining the server that is identified by the telephone area code, wherein the server is physically located within a region served by the telephone area code, and

sending the message to the recipient via the preferred delivery technique and the server, wherein the sending further comprises sending the message and the indication of the preferred delivery technique to a queue at the server, wherein the queue is associated with a printer, the telephone area code, and the telephone exchange, wherein the message further comprises a file, and wherein the sending further comprises appending the telephone number of the recipient to a name of the file that is sent to the queue, wherein the server

sends a fax of the message to the recipient if the preferred delivery technique comprises a fax transmission.

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calls the recipient and plays the message if the preferred delivery technique comprises voice.

sends an email of the message to the recipient if the preferred delivery technique comprises an email transmission, and

prints and mails the message to the recipient if the preferred delivery technique comprises a physical delivery.

17. (Currently amended) The electronic device of claim 16, wherein the server is further physically located within the region served by the telephone area code and the telephone exchange, an area code of a telephone number encoded in the page.

18. (Currently amended) The electronic device of claim 17, wherein the file further comprises a spool file, telephone number is a fax number of the recipient.

19. (Currently amended) The electronic device of claim 16, wherein the message further comprises an order for goods, preferred delivery technique comprises a fax transmission.

20. (Currently amended) The electronic device of claim 16, wherein the message further comprises an order for services, preferred delivery technique comprises a physical delivery.

21. (Currently amended) A method of configuring a computing device to perform a method of contacting a recipient by a preferred technique via a page, the method comprising:

configuring a computing device to determine a server and a preferred delivery technique associated with a recipient in response to a message intended for the recipient selected via a page, wherein the configuring the computing device to determine further comprises configuring the computing device to find a telephone area code, a telephone exchange, and a telephone number of the recipient in the page and determine the server

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that is identified by the telephone area code, wherein the server is physically located within a region served by the telephone area code; and

configuring the computing device to send the message and an indication of the preferred delivery technique to the server, wherein the configuring the computing device to send further comprises configuring the computing device to send the message and the indication of the preferred delivery technique to a queue at the server, wherein the queue is associated with a printer, the telephone area code, and the telephone exchange, wherein the message further comprises a file, and wherein the configuring the computing device to send further comprises configuring the computing device to append the telephone number of the recipient to a name of the file that is sent to the queue, wherein the server sends a fax of the message to the recipient if the preferred delivery technique comprises a fax transmission,

calls the recipient and plays the message if the preferred delivery technique comprises voice,

sends an email of the message to the recipient if the preferred delivery technique comprises an email transmission, and

prints and mails the message to the recipient if the preferred delivery technique comprises a physical delivery.

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